

## District Closure Community Update for April 10, 2020

Dear Williamston Families,

Last Friday, the Michigan Department of Education released the template for the Continuity of Learning Plan (CLP) that we are required to submit for approval. The CLP is a broad outline of our district's plan to provide remote instruction for the remainder of this school year. For the past week, building and district teams have been working on the plan. This morning, our administrative team met with representative members of the Board of Education for a final review, after which our plan was submitted to the Ingham Intermediate School District.

Though approval of our plan is pending, we are able to commence with the next phase of preparation. **Next week (April 13-17)** will be our **Orientation Week**. Orientation will include training and planning sessions for teachers. It will also involve outreach to students and families in preparation for remote instruction which will begin on **Monday, April 20**. The purpose of outreach will include things such as:

- Checking in with students
- Providing students and families with building-specific details that are not available in the CLP
- Providing students with a few tasks to complete in preparation for instruction
- Making sure students understand how to access learning platforms that will be used
- Assisting students with obtaining learning materials
- Communicating to families how they will be able to encourage and assist student engagement

To support our communication to you, we are constructing a webpage which will serve as a portal to information for each building. I will send an email to you on Monday, with notification that the page has gone live, and with a link for you to access it. In addition, building principals will send messages next week which will also provide more specific information.

Implementing a remote learning plan has taken, and will continue to take a considerable amount of coordination, collaboration, training, and practice. Our staff are preparing to teach in new ways, and you are preparing to assist your children with learning in new ways. Please be patient with us. We are committed to doing the best we can, and will adjust and improve as we go. Please also know that we are working hard to ensure that all learners are included and supported in this plan, including those with specialized needs.

We recognize that aside from remote learning, there are many other school-related issues that students and families are thinking about. You might be wondering about placement next year, supporting transitions to new buildings, or scheduling of classes. Honoring and recognizing our seniors is another matter of great importance to us. Please know that all of these issues and many more are not being forgotten. Though we've had a singular focus on preparing for remote instruction, we will be sure in upcoming days and weeks to share plans with you on these and other important topics.

I want to offer my continued thanks for all you do to support students, staff and our community during these incredibly challenging times. Our teachers and other staff members look forward to reconnecting with you and your children very soon!

Continued best wishes for your safety and wellness,

Kelly

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